STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-746

October 4, 2000

VERIZON MAINE,
Proposed Revision to Terms and Conditions
To Comply with FCC Order Regarding Access
To Telecommunications on Tribal Lands

ORDER APPROVING TERMS & CONDITIONS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF ORDER

This Order approves the Terms and Conditions submitted by Verizon Maine to implement the Native American Lifeline Program in compliance with the FCC's Twelfth Report and Order, Memorandum and Opinion and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CC Docket 96-45) released June 30, 2000.

BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2000, Verizon Maine filed proposed changes to its Terms and Conditions to implement the Native American Lifeline Program. The Terms and Conditions, consisting of Part A-Section 1, Page 8, First Revision; Page 8.1, Original; Page 13, Second Revision; Page 14, First Revision; Page 26, First Revision; Page 26.1, Original; Part M-Section 1, Page 1, Fifth Revision; and, Page 1.1 Original, were proposed to become effective on October 1, 2000.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions and suggested several changes. On September 28, 2000, Verizon Maine resubmitted proposed Terms and Conditions Part A-Section 1, Page 13, First Draft of Second Revision; Page 26, First Draft of First Revision; Page 26.1, First Draft of Original; and, Part M-Section 1, Page 1.1, First Draft of Original, containing the changes recommended by Commission staff.

We have reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions and will allow them to become effective on the date of this Order.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

 That Verizon Maine's Terms and Conditions submitted on September 1, 2000 and consisting of Part A-Section 1, Page 8, First Revision; Page 8.1, Original; Page 14, First Revision; Part M-Section 1, Page 1, Fifth Revision; and Terms and Conditions submitted on September 28, 2000 and consisting of Part A- Section 1, Page 13, First Draft of Second Revision; Page 26, First Draft of First Revision; Page 26.1, First Draft of Original; and, Part M-Section1, Page 1.1, First Draft of Original become effective on the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 4th day of October, 2000.

Dennis L. Keschl

Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Nugent

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- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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